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BOSTON has asked Congress to pass an anti-lynch law. Let every town and city in the country join Boston in this noble move. By all means let's make America safe for democracy.

EVERY GOOD CITIZEN should become thoroughly acquainted with the word "conservation" and all that it means, and then practice it in its entirety. We have entirely too many spendthrifts. Let's all economize.

PREACHING BIG SERMONS is not the only thing expected of the colored preachers. Let them devote at least some of his time telling our people how to live; how to conduct and support race enterprises and to buy homes MADE WITH HANDS.

LET THE COLORED housewife "put up" something for the rainy day which is sure to come. One of the common weaknesses of our women is buying too much from the nearby grocery store. Raise something, put up something, save something.

STANDING AROUND spewing out hot air about what you used to be or what you are going to be, and what somebody else ought to be or do, as so many of our people do in Tulsa, does not help the race one iota.

DO something yourself and be something NOW, that's the way to help make history for the race.

THE OKLAHOMA Tubercular Association is about to wage a state wide campaign against tuberculosis, and every member of our race should join the movement. More than three thousand persons die with this disease every year in Oklahoma, and between 30,000 and 40,000 now have it in its active form. A great number of colored people are afflicted with this dreaded disease and we all should be willing to lend all the encouragement possible to fighting it.

IT DOESN'T MATTER where you came from; the question rather is, how did you live at your old home; what did you stand for and how are you living NOW? A hog will be a hog, even if you keep him in the parlor, and a sealawag will be a sealawag regardless of the locality he grew up in. There is no questioning the fact that there is plenty of bad in all of us, but every man should see how the world may see some good in him.

IN THRESHING OUT things at the peace conference we hope the eternal race question in America will be discussed. There should be a decided improvement in the treatment of the colored race in the United States from now on. The naive to have the women of France and Belgium who were outraged by the low-bred Huns feel that they were not outraged, or at least to appease their wounded pride, may be all right; but why not start a similar movement here in the United States on behalf of the unfortunate colored women who have been wontonly outraged by white men? The American white man has a peculiar way of looking at things; he likes to pick the mote from his brother's eye with the beam still in his own. Nearly every other Negro in the country is a niece, aunt, uncle or some other kind of blood kind to some white man.

Editorial Comment

UNDER THE CAPTION "Make The Change Yourself" the Chicago Broad Ax expresses our sentiment in toto, and while do not wish to see our race go around with a chip on the shoulder, yet we do believe that that if our race is to receive better treatment in this country we must stand up like true men and demand it. Mr. Roosevelt has spoken wisely, and the colored man need not feel that just because he has played a conspicuous part in the world war that the majority of the whites in America are willing to concede him a man's chance. Our bending and bowing methods, coupled with the hope that God in His mercy would righten all things, have accomplished nothing for the black man, and if we now are to have a chance we must make a determined stand for it. Below we are giving the Broad Ax's article:

"Mr. Roosevelt is advising the Negro not to look for any very great change in the heart of the white (human) world, but that the great war is over. Mr. Roosevelt knows the white race better than most of us. We have an idea that three hundred thousand Negroes who have been wearing the uniform of America at the battle front in France will not be any more like dumb driven cattle, and the thing they (the southern whites) called weak in morals, low in spirit, and capable only for low certain kind of work and human appreciation.

We have an idea that the people of America had better change in their methods and manners of treatment, for after all, what is the difference in getting hell shot out of you in dead old France and shooting hell out of something in America, especially if they are giving hell to you, return it to them, and don't use any politeness. This is the new order, the rock ribbed resolve of every black man in khaki.

If a man would die for his country, don't you think he has a right to fight to live in his country? If they want let him live peacefully, then what?"

THE drought in Oklahoma dealt the cotton crops a severe blow. For the year of 1917 there were raised in this state 529,229 bales of cotton, and the crop for 1918 amounts to only 306,650 bales. Pottawatomie County is the banner cotton county of the state, having raised 21,106 bales this year.

NEGRO FARMERS BUY PURE-BRED CATTLE

Dairy-extension forces in North Carolina, working through the local agent in Sampson county, have placed 18 head of pure-bred Jersey cows with Negro farmers. It is said to be the first organized effort, effort, to place pure-bred animals for family use on Negro farms. These animals were part of a carload purchased by the dairy-extension men in Ohio.

The Negroes paid an average of \$100 a head for the Jerseys. The cows were procured only from herds in which milk production and butterfat content were very high, and were much better individuals than are ordinarily brought in by traders.

We hope to see this movement carried out wherever there are colored farmers; give us a chance, and we will make good along all lines.

It is claimed that the recent influenza epidemic killed 50,000 natives in South Africa.

The opening of the new Poro College in St. Louis recently was one of the biggest things ever pulled off by members of the race in this country. The new building is not only a credit to Mr. and Mrs. Malone, but to the entire race.

Dr. Moton of the Tuskegee Institute and Dr. Dubois sailed last week for France to attend the world peace conference at Versailles. The Tuskegee Principal goes on a mission for the government while Dr. Dubois

goes to represent the National Ass'n for the Advancement of Colored people. On the 16 of this month a meeting will be held in Washington, D. C., for the purpose of electing other delegates to the world conference in France. It is the hope of the delegates, and the prayers of the twelve millions of people they represent, that they may be able to better conditions for the colored people of America.

ALWAYS figure that the other fellow is entitled to your consideration.

THERE is a move on to ask the Peace Conference to free Africa; what about the black man in America?

WHEN the colored race presents a solid phalanx along all lines, then we'll go marching on to success. GET TOGETHER.

GERMANY has released 4,500,000 prisoners of all nationalities since the armistice was signed, and among that number there were 2300 Americans.

WHENEVER one colored man is successful, it lends strength to our race; let our people rally to our various enterprises.

TOO long the colored man has allowed himself to be used as a cat's paw, with which to pull acorns out of the fire. Let him think for himself, and then act.

EVERY respectable colored enterprise in Tulsa should be represented in the Columns of The Tulsa Star. Try one of our "ads".

THERE is more talk of organizing a burial association here among our people. The membership fee would be a trifle, and this will enable the rich and the poor to become members.

KINDNESS is the greatest agency in hounding people. If you have a few employees under your control, you should at all times give them a kind word, smile or do something to make them feel that you appreciate the assistance that they are giving the business. That's you of course.

THE writer likes the white man like the white man likes him; we have never allowed the idea to get into our "noodle" that our Caucasian brother was particularly in love with us; we are willing to treat him manly, and expect him to treat us the same way.

It is a burning shame that the colored race in Tulsa haven't a single distinct literary society. Whither are we drifting? What can we expect of our boys and girls who are being reared up in our midst.

THE better women of our race here in Tulsa should get together and organize a Women's Club. Tulsa is the greatest town in the entire west, and our women must not lag behind other places. Let our women get busy.

NEGRO MOTHERS should know where their daughters are at all times; however, if the mother is everlasting on the go, you may expect the daughter to follow in her foot-steps.

ACCORDING to the federal fuel administrator, P. A. Norris, this State has produced up to November, 4,927,692 tons of coal, and the outlook is bright to reach 5,000,000 tons, the largest in the history of the state of Oklahoma.

THE colored race did not drop a single tear when William G. McAdoo resigned his position, in the Cabinet, etc. He is one American white man who has allowed his very soul to be saturated with race prejudice. The Star is reproducing one of the orders issued by him as Director General of Railroads:

"The conditions under which Negroes are employed as firemen, hostlers, switchmen, brakemen, etc., are not to be extended beyond the practice heretofore existing, and you are cautioned against employing Negroes for this class of service or in any service not heretofore open to them; nor to take the places of white men."

EVEN the Courts of Texas administered old "Jim Crow" a knockout blow recently. The following dispatch from Austin, Texas, the Capital of the Lone Star State, explains itself:

The Court of Criminal Appeal last week reversed and dismissed the case of Pete Chester, from Galveston, fined \$25 upon conviction of an alleged

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violation of the "Jim Crow" law. Chester was charged with riding in a compartment of a car on an interurban, the compartment not being designated for his race, and after having been forbidden to do so by the conductor.

Reversal and dismissal of the case was ordered because of a faulty complaint. The court said that there was no allegation in the complaint that the interurban was a common carrier of passengers for hire, as required by the statute. "It charges that the appellant was upon an interurban, but does not charge that it was on an interurban railway company. It does not allege ownership, whether it was a common carrier or owned by an individual, nor does it allege it was run as a common carrier of passengers for hire."

ENVY has been a "mill stone" around the colored race's neck; and has to a large degree, retarded our progress. Let one of us start to accomplishing any thing worth while and all at once the spirit of envy spring up and the horde commences to knock. Stop it!

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HOW MUCH ARE YOU WORTH

How much are you worth to your race? What are you doing to help your race win in the unending struggle of life? Do you know that the Negroes throughout the world are in a ferment such as the world has never known before? The spirit of democracy roused by the world war, did not stop at the bounds of Europe. It has penetrated into every country in the world and especially into Africa. The slogan, "Africa for the Africans!" is becoming so loud that it will be heard at the peace conference. It may not secure a great deal of recognition, BUT IF IT DOES NOT THERE IS BOUND TO COME A RECKONING DAY. In South Africa where the whites are considering taking unskilled labor from the natives, the natives are talking among themselves in whispers, and the white man can't find out what they are talking about. But it is plain that the native isn't sleep. In the South there is so much unrest that it rapidly coming to the notice of the political powers. What are you doing? No matter what your sphere and work, do it well and catch the spirit and try to do something to help Boost for the Race and learn to be proud of it. The Race first. Let that be your slogan.—OMAHA MONITOR.

A SIGN OF THE TIMES

ONE of the most auspicious signs of the times is the fact that the American Negro is reading—reading every thing that he can read. Every Negro paper and magazine of worth, is being brought up before the ink is dry and it proves that the Negro is on the qui vive. He wants to know what is going on and he is keeping on the track of every thing worth while. This should be an encouragement and an incentive to every colored publication to do its best and to secure the best to satisfy this increasing mental appetite. The worth and the rapidity of his growth depends upon the literature it reads. We are proud to find new newspapers

where he could select the best fitted men from the world mission, with made up his commission. The Independent, in common with the press of the country, feels at liberty to discuss in the public forum both the character and persona of the Peace Commission.

First, we shall consider the attitude of the race as expressed by its accredited organizations and press. The Negro is a part and a parcel of the American people—America constitutes a nation and the Negro is a composite part of the national unit, and his interest could not be considered at the Peace Table separate from the other part of the unit.

Questions to be considered at the Peace Table are of world wide importance—international, involving the peace of the world and not national, involving harmony and progress of a nation. Therefore, whether the Peace Commission is made up of white men or black men, all integral parts of the nation will be represented at the Peace Table.

Questions affecting the Negroes' interest at home cannot be considered around the Peace Table at Versailles. These questions are domestic, and must be settled at home among ourselves. Each nation with a cause at the Peace Table is a world citizen engaged in working out individual or citizenship problems; and for the Race to demand recognition at the Peace Table on the ground of Color or creed, is to defeat the very purpose for which it works, a share of the world's democracy. We are not to draw the Color line or withdraw ourselves from the national unit; but we must stand upon the ground of that we are Negroes and demand, as Americans, representation on the commission, or in any advisory capacity in common with other elements constituting the national unit.

As such, our demand is both feasible and tenable and the President should have given us such recognition as our worth, loyalty and patriotism warranted. If, in his honest judgment, no Negro in America possessed the qualities necessary for a place on the commission, he could

have appointed from among the many Negro Journalists and Educators some member or member of the race to be members of this advisory council, just as he selected eminent educators from Harvard, Columbia, Yale, Michigan State Normal and the University of Wisconsin. The Negro race possesses educators equally as able—profound in learning and as members of his advisory council. The President was not equal to the occasion; he felt short of his idea as a statesman; or not a single man appointed on the commission rises above the mediocre compared with the height of statesmanship which the white man has achieved. They must be considered among contempt, ordinary statesmen as men of ordinary ability, and it would have been an easy matter for the President to have found a Negro man in this country as able in the school of statecraft as any white member of his council.

The Race cannot reach its highest usefulness or grow into the full enjoyment of its rights as citizens so long as it is satisfied with demands. Demands never accomplish any thing unless they are backed up by results—by fruits and constructive labor. tion at the Peace Table will avail but little, so long as the Negro is not political integral of the nation. Unless he organizes and votes definitely and permanently for principles and measures, and not men and office, demands will avail him nothing. He is not going to gain anything because he is black, and he is not losing anything because he is not acting a man. He is not arming himself permanently with the qualifications of a citizen. Education, property and religion will help largely in the solution of our problems, but if these principles do not inspire us to qualify civilly and politically to enjoy civil and political rights, our share in the world's democracy will be the same thing after the war that it is today.

Twelve million people would have had a representative at the Peace Table if they meant anything in the political equation of the nation, and representation would not have been based upon race, color or previous condition of servitude, but upon citizenship. Yes, upon that fact that we represent one-eighth of the voting strength of the Republic. So let us ease to demand things because we are black, and base our demands upon merit and worth as citizens, upon our contribution not only to the moral, intellectual and physical worth of the nation, but our contribution to its civic, social, and political life. Let us organize ourselves in the political units for the purpose of voting to our selves our rights under the law. Let us like the white men, rise up and vote any man out of office who discriminates or prescribes against us; then, and not till then, will we be represented at a Peace Table, or elsewhere where the laws are made and where the rulers are selected.—Atlanta Independent

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

In the Superior Court of Tulsa Co., State of Oklahoma.

Birdie Shanon, Plaintiff,

vs.

Press Shanon, Defendant.

To the above named Defendant: You will take notice that you have been sued in the above named court by the above Plaintiff, for a divorce on the grounds of extreme cruelty and that unless you answer the petition filed by this plaintiff in said Court by the 21 day of December, 1918, said petition will be taken as true and judgment granting the plaintiff a divorce, annulling, cancelling, setting aside and holding for naught the marriage contract with you, and all other proper relief rendered according to the prayer thereof.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court this 9th day of November, 1918.

FRANK INGRAHAM, Court Clerk
By Hattie May Purdy, Deputy
H. A. GUESS, Attorney for Plaintiff

Rev. R. A. Whitaker, the popular pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, leaves Thursday morning for Washington, D. C., to attend the Equal Rights Liberty Congress which convenes in that city on the 16th. There will be a meeting at Mt. Zion to night and every one is expected to be present.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER the election in Missouri it was announced that one Dr. Riley, a colored man of St. Louis, Mo., had been elected to the legislature of that state. Now comes the news that he has been counted out.

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